

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Turning first to the rejection of §112, first paragraph, without conceding the correctness of this rejection, the objected to language has been deleted in each of the independent claims by this amendment. Therefore, it is believed that this rejection has been rendered moot, and further, comment thereon is not needed at this time. Withdrawal of the rejection therefore is requested.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,368,800 (Barnard). Claims 3-25 were rejected as being unpatentable over Barnard. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, each of the independent claims has been amended. In particular, the independent claims have been amended to recite features similar to some of the features which had been presented in parent application Serial No. 09/930,996 now U.S. Patent No. 6,634,784. In particular, as amended, each of the present independent claims now recites a rotatable shaft, a flange extending radially from the shaft, as well as means for fastening, on a fastener, that fastens the blade pair to the shaft and various features including a flange and a frictional fit key member. It is respectfully submitted that the combinations as presented in the presently amended independent claims of the present application are patentable over the references of record, including Barnard which is not seen to at least the newly added features.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application are believed to be in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

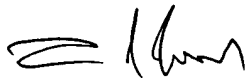
If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1696 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The

undersigned Attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to our Docket No. 87335.3203.

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